

**The Fourth Sudden Oak Death Science Symposium
Preliminary Announcement and Call for Papers**

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Purpose and Objective

The fourth Sudden Oak Death Science Symposium is intended to bring together scientific and management communities from throughout the world working on *Phytophthora ramorum* and Sudden Oak Death. The goal is to provide a scientific update on the state of our knowledge about Sudden Oak Death and *P. ramorum* in forest, woodland, urban forestry, nursery, and horticultural settings, and to analyze the implications of the findings. The Symposium will be comprised of completed research studies as well as updates on projects currently underway, and panel discussions. This broad overview will foster closer cooperation between individuals working in various disciplines and geographic areas, and provide an update for managers, regulators, and policy makers about the focus of current research efforts.

Call for Papers, Case Studies, Speakers and Posters

We are seeking abstracts (up to 1-page) of proposed papers or posters by **February 13, 2009**. These should be submitted via e-mail using the format (including font size and style) of the included MS-Word example and should **clearly state if you would like to present a paper or a poster**. Abstracts should be sent to:

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A peer-reviewed, Symposium proceedings will be produced. Authors are expected to provide manuscripts. ***For authors with research results submitted to other journal outlets, we will accept extended abstracts instead of manuscripts.*** Complete instructions for paper preparation will be sent out with abstract acceptance notifications.

Topics

Submissions should focus on one of the following areas addressing Sudden Oak Death/*P. ramorum*: biology and pathology; organisms associated with *P. ramorum*; ecology; economic and social impacts; modeling and risk assessment; restoration; management and control strategies; monitoring; silviculture; arboriculture and urban forestry; nursery management; policy; or other related topics.

Authors of accepted papers and posters will be notified by March 13, 2009.

